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The policy of the paper will not be changed in any particular, and no we asket will be spared to keep it up to favorablesent standard; and, if possible, ties and or it Our readers know what

has done in the past. We Ti will continue to stand by us

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\*\* THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER doesn't want to wrangle, but it stands ready to discuss any issue before the people at any time.

\*\* The advice is, "don't throw your vote away." No, don't do it You have been doing th voting the g. o. p. tickets, though.

\*\* Almost every day we hear some man say: "I am not unfriendly to the farmers. I know they have grievances, I know they need legislative

\*\*\* The great party of Jefferson and Jackson is floating hither and thither with no ultimate object in view, with nothing as a record to hold its former adherents.

\*\* How can an abundance of cotton. grain, meat, tobacco and stock cause hard times? A country that is blessed with all these things ought to be full of happy people.

\*\*\* Fairview Institute, Gibsonville, Guilford county, has issued a very handsome catalogue. This is an excellent school, and we are pleased to learn that it is prospering.

\*\* Now is the time for manufactur ers to reduce wages and school their employees in the problem of protection to the American workingman, says the New York Herald.

\*\* We return thanks to the faculty of Davidson College for a copy of their handsome illustrated catalogue. We are glad to learn that the College is prospering beyond all precedent.

\*\* Some of our exchanges quote not join. Let the good work go on. from the Asheville Gazette and call it an Alliance paper. It has changed owners and no longer claims to be even in sympathy with the movement.

tion to the State Tobacco Association | that all men might have patience, that which meets at Morehead July 5th, the foolish may get a little reason, and 6th, 7th and 8th. We hope the work that the sensible people may grow will be beneficial to all concerned.

\*\* Two of the ablest lawyers in the State of Texas have joined the People's effective work for the reform cause. party. It may not be out of place to Miss L. E. Roberts, of Pike county, say that some of our able lawyers in Mo., deserves special mention. She is North Carolina are going that way.

party meetings have had a shidh at land a shidh at conege as a debater and always chose economic for 40 cents.

Make up your Clubs.

in this section it was rather large. But, perhaps, when the next g. o. p. conventions are held there will be a chance No one can accuse her of being an to return the compliments of this office hunter or broken down politician.

\*\* Four delegates were elected to Omaha by the Second Distrct Convention. Capt. E. A. Thorne, of Halifax, was nominated for Congress and Rev. J. T. Hover for Presidential elector.

\*\* Six-cent cotton doesn't make a man love the dear old party. A man will desert his sweetheart if she repeatedly mistreats him. Then why not desert a party that mistreats you?

\*\* "Black Beauty and Country Roads." is the title of a handsome publication by the Frank Miller Company, 349 and 351 West 26th st, New York. Price 10 cents by mail. It is well worth the proposition of two-per centers in the price.

\*\* The sugar trust is having lots of says the Cotton Plant. fun and scooping in pots of money, Where, oh where is that 148 Democratic majority that was looking for trusts so much before it was elected? It must be asleep.

for the Fifth District met at Durham. W. R. Lindsay, Chairman of the State Executive Committee, was nominated | class will be turned out. for Congress. The vote stood; Lindsay, 66; Williams 24.

\*\* The leaders of the g. o. p.'s are nonplussed on account of the People's party. It doesn't show very much, but they think it is vastly stronger than appearances indicate. Perhaps they are guessing about right.

\*\* The following are the delegates elected to go to Omaha from the Ninth district: J. G. Yancey, A. M. Parker, W. H. Malone, W. A. Robertson, Alternates: J. C. Brown, W. L. Henry, to the party from a political stand-W. D. Miller, A. J. Dula.

\*\* The following are the delegates elected to go to Omaha from the Fifth dren and to their own pockets They district: T. J. Oldham, W. R. Lindsay W. D. Smith, J. B. Smith. Alternates: Eugene Wilson, A. S Peace, B. F. Stanfield, James E Lyon.

\*\* Rev. J. W. Wellons, of Franklin ton, advertised an early variety of seed corn in this paper some weeks ago. He has sold all he has and asks that people quit sending orders. It pays to advertise in this paper.

\*\* The freest go ment endure long when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation future as they have in the of property in the hands of a few and and dependent. - Daniel Webster.

\* The New For am says Cleveland. the "stuffed profit," will be nominated on the first ballot. Well, between Cleveland and Harrison the Wall street crowd can take their choice. The people are not in that business.

\*\* Women and men sew on boy's knee pants in New York at the rate of 35 cents per dozen pair. There are 750 shops where they are made. Many thousands work there at less than \$4 per week. And this is free America!

\*\* The Atlanta Constitution de clares that it will not support any man for office who is not for free silver. The heard President Polk speak of him fre Republicans have made no nominations that it can support, and the Democrats will not. Now what will it do?

\*\* One of the very last letters written by our lamented President con tained the following words: "There is but one course left the great common people, and that is to stand solidly with the People's party, organize it, and take charge of the government."

nominated for Congress in the Eighth | have built up a successful business. district; W. W. Teague, of Alexander, for Presidential elector, L. N. Durham, of Cleveland, A. G. Thompson, of Gas ton, W. W. Teague, of Alexander, and has been set up and sought to be R. A. Cobb, of Burke are the delegates operated in the interest of the grea to Omaha.

\*\* The Republican party in Kansas has decided not to make Jerry Simpson's socks the leading issue in the coming campaign. But it is charged now that Congressman Otis, who is a member of the Alliance, shall be the issue. It is charged that he runs a dairy farm.

 $**_*$  The Alliance must be on a big boom in Rowan County. The Salisbury Watchman states that twenty applications for membership have been handed in during the past two weeks at Elm Grove Alliance. We don't see why every man who is eligible should

\*\* A certain writer, in laying out a plan for universal happiness, wished that the rich might be kind hearted, that the poor might have bread, that \*\* We return thanks for an invita- all ladies should have pretty dresses,

a young and pretty blonde, the \*\* The papers say the People's daughter of a well to do farmer. She party meetings have had a small at distinguished herself while at college

subjects. Since she graduated she has done a wonderful work as lecturer.

\*\*\* In another column we state that the Kentucky bridge disaster, by which thirty men were killed, was the most heart rending event of the week but later dispatches state that over fifty people were killed and about one hundred injured in a Minnesota cyclone Thursday. That is extremely sad

\*\* It was charged last year by papers and paliticians in South Carolina that the people who wanted to borrow money at 2 per cent. would borrow and never intended to pay back. Meas ured by the recent State Convention. this State is in the ratio of 267 to 32 \*\* We have received the illustrated

catalogue issued by the Agricultura and Mechanical College. It shows that a successful term has just closed, and the outlook is encouraging. The school \*\* The People's party convention closed last week with a series of exer cises that gave evidence of fine train ing. Next year the first graduating

\*\* The following are the delegates elected to go to Omaha by the Seventh District Convention: Col. H. A. For ney, Catawba, Capt. J. M. Parks, Iredell, P. C. Thomas, Davidson, H M. Leazar, Rowan. Alternates: J W. Robertson, Catawba, W. H. Adderholt, Iredell, T. J. Leonard, David son, Chas. McDonald, Cabarrus.

\*\* You hear much now about 'traitors to the party." Those who are accused of that crime are traitors point, but they feel that they have been traitors to their wives and chilnow propose to reverse the business They will be "traitors to the party and patriots to their families.

\*\*\* An exchange says the Democratic party is divided on the silver question and cannot afford to push it to the front as an issue, nor take ac tion on it in Congress That is too thin. They took the risk of putting it in a majority of the State platforms, got o vote a hundred and forty eight Democratic in ty in House. Now they think it proceeding to pass the measure. Such

PRESIDENT POLKS SUCCESSOR

Bro. H. L. Loucks, of South Dakota, Vice-President of the National Allance. will now become President. He is not personally known to us, but is highly spoken of by those who have met him. He is editor of the Dakota Ruralist. the most influential paper in the State. and has been prominently connected with the Alliance movement since its

He is said to an educated man, a good speaker and has an abundance of good, common sense, and a character entirely above reproach. We have quently. He had great confidence in his honesty and ability. We crust that he will lead the movement in the right direction.

### THINGS THAT ARE UNJUST AND UNKIND.

1. Merchants fighting the farmers organization, composed of men who have been their chief patrons in busi \*\* Mr. R. S. Patton, of Burke, was ness and from whose patronage they

2. Farmers who have been more prosperous than their neighbors fight ing the farmers' organization which family of farmers and other laboring classes who are struggling for better conditions that will enable them to make a decent and respectable support for their families, educate their children and place them on an equal foot ing with any other children in the land and thus prepare them to successfully fight the battles of life.

3. Officers and other public men fighting the farmers' organization whose members have been their chief supporters in the past and to whom they owe all their prominence in political and social circles.

4. Lawyers, doctors and other professional men, fighting the farmers organization, simply and purely because their respective professions are not put forward to fill all the offices that pay well and give distinction and prominence in social political and financial circles.

.5. All trades and professions that fight the farmers' organization because it is composed of a great many illiterate and ordinary men who are not suffered \*\* Among the many who are doing to be well posted in the science of government and do not rank high in the so-called high social circles.

> The Progressive Farmer from now until Nov. 15th

COL. POLK'S LAST MOMENTS.

There is a widespread anxiety to know something definite and authentic about Col. Polk's last illness and death, which is evidenced by the large number of inquiries I have received and am still receiving. Hence I make this brief statement in answer to all, and for the brotherhood generally.

The last batch of matter Col. Polk sent us for The Progressive Farmer was dated May 31st. We received it Thursday, June 2d. There were four pages, as written, of this matter. Only one page written in his own hand, the other three pages on another subject, was dictated by the Colonel and written by Bro. J. H. Turner, who explained in a note accompanying that Col. Polk was not feeling well and had requested him to say as much, but expected to be all right in a day or two. The next mail brought us a letter from Dr. J. M. Hayes, of Oxford, N. C., who was with him, stating that he had strictly for bidden the Colonel exercising himsel either mentally or physically for a fe days, when he expected him to be a right again. Dr. H. stated in this le ter that the Colonel had one of his attacks. I wired Bro. J. H. Turner receipt of this information to give pe ticulars and say if I ought to go. this I received a very encouraging fe ply and a promise to keep me pould All the news received up to this time was encouraging, though not saturac On Tuesday, June 6th, I received a

letter from the Colonel signed ' Polk by Macune." From all this correspondence I learned that he was uffering with a return of his old touble, hemorrhage of the bladder, and that it was the most severe and stubborn at tack he had had. I decided/at once that I ought to go to him, and after consultation with Mrs. Polk, I left on the next train. I reached his bedside Wednesday 11 t. m , 8th inst. Found him completely exhausted, physically from loss of blood, but mentally about as clear as ever entertaining the many friends who were constantly calling, and seemed to mjoy their calls exceed ingly. I talker with him and the doc tor 15 or 20 milutes, and they satisfied me that he was greatly improved and would soon be up if a recurrence of the hemorrhage ould be prevented. wired Mrs. Pilk at once that I found him much improved, and then insisted that he should sleep some, as he had evident need of it. He went to sleep and seemed to be soundly sleeping. while I watch d him closely and fanned him. He had slept perhaps fifteen minutes, when I discovered something wrong and tried to arouse him, bu could not, and the doctor being in the room, I called his attention to him. The doctor fet for his pulse and found he had none, that his heart had ceased to perform its functions. After ap plying hot vater and mustard to hi hands, arms/feet and legs for perhaps an hour, three of us working and rub bing with all our might, we restored circulation and consciousness returned. Leaving the doctor and servant in the room, I ran to the office and wired Mrs. Polk to come; change not so hopeful. the doctor said he would not live for a few homents, finding his pulse to the business. return and grow stronger; with hope returning, we worked more vigorously, him open his eyes, look around, recognize us all and in ignorance of what nap he hal had, and how much he enrational, and speaking in his natural there, and got him to sleep again. At troduced a bill to repeal the law. sunrise Friday a. m. signs of blood and the physicians decided that the and be prepared to become citizens. only possible hope was in a surgical

11th, before the operation Such schools can only be started ing of Ju was perf

After se—a tumor larger than a schools teach the boys about no walnut his bladder, and of such a and grape rot, it is true, but it is nature ad so located, that it could not have been removed, even with perfect health therwise, one time in a hundred, thout producing death. This tumornad been troubling him for several dars whenever he would overexer himse for fail to give the bladder relief.

It he had the best medical attenwe do not doubt. Dr. Hayes stayed is side from the first of his attack his death, and he had as consultphysicians Dr. Thompson, of the field Memorial Hospital, and Dr. fin, formerly of Hillsboro, N. C. I sure they did all they could to save raise plenty of the good things of life, but it was too late. I am sure e time had come when neither medid science nor surgical skill could vail anything.

I know they were anxious, and I am cation, but it must be extended, perfectly satisfied they did all they could, honestly and conscientiously, Each one of them has a place in my memory and near to my heart, and I am sure I can say the same for the bereaved wife and daughters.

I do not know how, nor shall I attempt to express in language the gratitude I feel-and if possible I know Mrs Polk would emphasize a hundred fold my own gratitude-to the hundreds in They just want to keep a solid North Washington who expressed to us in every conceivable way the fact that their hearts beat in sympathy with our broken hearts in this the saddest of sad hours to us I cannot say more. J. W. DENMARK,

#### SOONER THAN YOU THINK.

Some think it almost a hopeless task to expect anything in the way of national legislation in the next few years and keep one solidly Republican and from the reform movement. This is a the other solidly Democratic. very mistaken idea. It is very likely that the People's party and its sympathizers will have a majority in the House before long-perhaps hold the balance of power next Congress. At present the Senate has eighty-

eight members-forty-seven Republicans, thirty-nine Democrats and two People's party men. So to hold the balance of power, the reform element only has to gain a few members. The terms of twenty-nine Senators expire next winter, and two vacancies are to be filled. It is possible that a large portion of these will be filled by reform men. To do this good legislatures should be elected, especially in every State having Senators to elect.

Nothing is required but plenty of work. Every man should see to it that plenty of work is done. Timidity and inactivity will not do anything. We think North Carolina will do her duty. We think a legislature will be elected that will reflect credit upon themselves and the State. We further think that our next Congressional delegation will not lack any of the material required

# A MISTAKEN IDEA

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has always been in favor of educating farmers' ling out and will not vote for him. sons. They need it and deserve an man who depends upon his grant When I returned to his room he had education as much as anybody. They father's hat and the man who is acting relapsed into the same condition from | should not only study text books, but | a hypocrit, will have a hard road to which we had just revived him, and should be taught the whole science of travel. agriculture, how to enrich the soil, to twenty mirates. But we again applied | plow deep, to raise good cattle and the same remedies with all our might horses-in short, everything pertaining

In addition, they should be taught political economy and history. No meet these debts, and settle them with and keeping this up for about two student should leave college without out trouble and expense. We most hours, we were rewarded by seeing knowing something of the legislative earnestly request every one in arrears history of his country, and what is on subscription account to send in what needed. We venture to say that eight he owes at once, and if possible a re had occurred. He told us what a sweet | tenths of the young men who have | newal for one year or at least 8 graduated from the leading colleges of | months in advance. joyed it, seeming to be perfectly this country this year could not answer half a dozen questions about the think to you. Now please don't neglect voice. This he continued to do until political status of the country at this it. Read this to your Alliance next we were all buoyed up with strong time. They all could tell that Harrison hope that he would recover. He slept is President and the Senate is Republiwell most of that night, and a ked me | can and the House Democratic. Perseveral times about Mrs. Polk. I had haps a few have some indistinct idea informed him that she would soon be about the tariff, but they cannot tell with him. She arrived about noon, what the thing means. They may reand found him, seemingly, but little | member something about the McKinmore exhausted than I had found him | ley bill, but there would not be ten in on my arrival the day before. He a hundred who could tell why it is that was weaker, however, as we could a Democratic House has failed to put readily discover. This was Thursday; the Republican Senate on record. They Thursday night I sat by him all night | could not explain why it is that very and his suffering grew more and more little has been said about the McKinley intense, until midnight he seemed to | bill since the election, though it was a be unconscious. The doctor and I re- | horrible nightmare before the election, lieved his bladder as best we could of and you would have thought that none the blood clots that had accumulated of them could have slept until they in-

We confess that these are hard quespoison were clearly visible and all my tions, but the young men of the land hope was gone, we all then despaired, should know something about it all

We do not mean that partisan polioperation, which would necessitate his tics should be taught. We do not exremoval to a hospital, We reached pect such nonsense as political economy the hospital late in the afternoon of to be taught in the colleges that turn Friday. His suffering grew more and out crack football teams and nothing more intense until about 9 o'clock, else. But the common sense colleges, when consciousness left him and he especially agricultural and mechanical recognized no one after this until he schools, should turn out young men breathed his last at 11:15 on the morn- who know how to be sensible citizens.

organized farmers making death, we discovered the efforts. The professors in some that these same learned pro wolud starve on the richest farm the United States if their livi pended on their raising 5 cent and tobacco, 75 cent wheat and corn. We know that some of are great on stock-raising in the sol room, but if their money depended selling cattle in competition with Armour Packing Company, which so many intelligent stock m are struggling, they might not successful. It is probable that will turn loose a lot of young every year who may know how but who cannot get in position to m it profitable while huge trusts natural outcome of corrupt polis exists. We want ten times more at practical and common sense polit.

#### THE FORCE BILL

And now the force bill is the cre the politicians. The Republican m ticians say the country can be saved it is passed. The Democrats say it be ruined if it is passed. Neither them have any idea of passing the bil and a solid South, and obscure all a real issues by this hue and cry.

Mr. Josephus Daniels started to ball a few days ago in this State. declares that whenever it was me tioned at Minneapolis the conventi went wild. We do not doubt his state ment at ail, but we do know that is only object in view is to keep the North and South at daggers' point cunning shylocks and plutocrats the country know that their busine will be ruined sooner or later unle they can keep the two sections a tanged and maintain the present I litical differences through section hate and race bitterness.

Fellow-citizens of North Carolin the great and leading issue is financia reform. It towers above everything else as the highest mountains about the plains. Stand to your guns. We hope that there will be but on

or two planks in the People's part platform, and let them be financial m form and a graduated income tax.

# HE OPPOSED ORGANIZED LABO

Whitelaw Reid, the Republican nom nee for Vice-President, is an al journalist. He has been editor of the New York Tribune for many years, He has opposed organized labor the time until his nomination. Now is stated that he has made the Tribu a union office. Before it was known a "rat office," employing boys and d sipated printers. Yet this step is taken with the hope of gaining the vote the organized printers and other m chanics. But it will not take w them. They see the cloven hoof sti

# BUSINESS.

The death of Col. Polk makes imme diate settlement of what we owe neces sary. In order that we may be ablet

This is very important to us, and w meeting and urge the brethren to ac

# UPON LIVE ISSUES.

The Clinton Caucasian has the folowing editorial about the recent con mencement at Chapel Hill, every word of which is true:

"A significant fact of the recent University commencement was the character of the speeches of the young men. They were all upon subjects of the live issues of the day and showed that much thought was being given the reforms of our country. They evinced much original thought and careful preparation. They were of the highest type of moral and political character. When the young men of our State-those who are to soon take part in the management of affairs and shaping the policy of governmentshow such thorough information and honest interest in the highest and noblest purposes of our government, we feel satisfied for the future. Their speeches were a high tribute to the University, its training and influence, and to the character of the young men of our State."

The Progressive Farmer from now until Nov. 15th for 40 cents. Make up your Clubs.

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